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ST PETER'S GIRLS PREP SCHOOL

FROM THE HEADMASTER

OPEN DAY

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our girls, parents and staff who made our Open Day the massive success it most certainly was. Our Chapel choir was phenomenal, as always. Our Junior and Senior Prep girls proudly showed off their various lessons, thinking routines, coding and robotics skills. Our marimbas were amazing and our Grade 7 PR girls walked prospective parents around the school with supreme knowledge and confidence. The day certainly exceeded all expectations. A special thank you to Jean Macleod for organising the morning, particularly in terms of this being one of her final marketing events at St Peter's. For those of you who are unaware, Jean retires at the end of this year.



2020 CLASS TEACHERS

Every year, I encourage teachers to take on different and new teaching responsibilities. It provides an opportunity for fresh ideas and reinvigorated teaching strategies. I am delighted that we have quite a few changes for 2020.

Before I share these changes with you, I'd like to remind parents how classes are selected each year and in so doing ask you not to approach teachers with special requests for your daughter to go to a particular teacher or for your daughter to be placed with a pre-selected group of friends:

- Classes are split into two or three (depending on the grade) equal academic ability groups.
- We then look at friendship groupings and who should, or should not, be placed together. In the JP, it has been common practice over the years to allow the girls to choose five friends. This guarantees that at least two of these friends will be in the same class, in the following year. In the Senior Prep, every effort will continue to be made to accommodate certain friendship groupings. However, if we claim to teach resilience at school then we need to teach our girls, as early as possible, how to interact with different girls every year. Opportunities for establishing new relationships must be seen as a positive mechanism for growth and maturity.
- Finally, teacher match or suitability is considered. Occasionally, a girl may be better suited to a particular teacher in terms of teaching style and personality. However, it needs to be said that every teacher at St Peter's is phenomenal and there is no doubt that your daughter will flourish, no matter the teacher to whom she is assigned.

All JP classes are then double-checked by Trish Attlee and Carmen Whitfield (our Educational Psychologist). In the SP, Cara Eggett (Head of Pastoral Care), Pam van Gass, Carmen Whitfield and I, check all classes.

Classes for 2020 will be announced in the last week of the year. We will then ask for parents to support the school's decision and to guide and encourage your child to understand that the decision was made with very good reason. If we acceded to every parent for a teacher of their choice, the result would be chaos. However, if parents support the school, your daughter will very quickly realise that she needs to make an effort to adapt to her new surroundings. If your daughter thinks that mom or dad can 'fix' the problem, then they will continue to protest and not make any effort to adapt.

I sincerely hope this clarifies the process for you. If you have any questions or concerns in terms of this process please feel free to chat to your daughter's teacher or me.

Junior Prep

Grade 0: Janet Buck, Chloe Hall, Lerato Mafatle & Shelli Golden

Grade 1: Sheena Steyn, Robyn van Ginkel & Catriona Montagu

Grade 2: Bronwyn Peake, Kerry Glass & Leigh Lidgey

Afrikaans & IT: Lauren Keeve

isiZulu & Library: Zanele Kekana

Music: Jessica da Silva

Sport: Leanne Fleming & Tshego Mashabela (Leanne Fleming will be going on maternity leave in December! We wish her love and happiness as her family grows!)

isiZulu & Class Assistant: Charmaine Ndzwane

Senior Prep

Grade 3: Julia Aitken, Rachel Amm & Toni Clarke-Buchanan

Grade 4: Colleen Ireland, Thobile Kizito & Kelsey Mohamed

Grade 5: Mel Aspeling, Alyssa Barberis & Nicci Horak

Grade 6: Kirsty Morey, Ronel Schoeman & Kerryn White

Grade 7: Rose Nkomo & Kim Gordon

Science & STEM: Candice Ellis

Music: Marguerite Schmitt and Ingerid de Bruyn (Administrator) Ingerid will also teach Rachel Amm's class

EdTech : Kerryn Schmidt & Megan Haas

Pastoral Care: Cara Eggett

Sport: Andrew Steyn, Tumi Makola & Charné Badenhorst

Maths: Tony Blackhurst and Cath Holm

English: Ron Thackwell, Rick Wilson & Niki Mayne

Afrikaans: Wilna Coetzee

isiZulu : Boitumelo Ledwaba

Media and Library: Leigh van Rooyen

Art: Belinda van der Watt

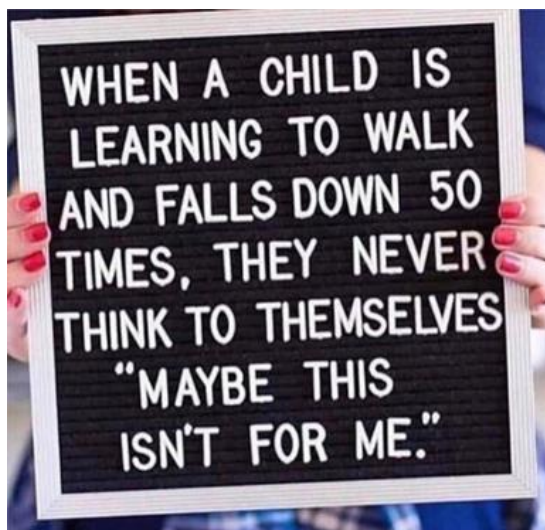
Academic Support: Carmen Whitfield, Sue Garner & Micaela Laios

Nibe nempelasonto emnandi!

Darrel Webb

(Headmaster)

FROM THE SPORTS DESK



ATHLETICS – TIC Tumi Makola (kmakola@stpeters.co.za)

- This week's athletics meeting will be held at Brescia House
- Please note that Monday, 14 October will be the last opportunity for girls to challenge for the athletics team. Inter-Schools will be held on Friday, 1 November and we would like our relay teams to be finalised so they have time to prepare for the meeting.

Inter-House Athletics

- Reminder that we will be hosting our Inter-House Athletics on Saturday, 19 October. All the girls from Grade 3-7 will be participating, so are expected to attend the morning. The day will run from 08:00-11:00.
- All field events will be held during the girl's PE lessons.

TENNIS

- Our singles tennis championships are in full swing. Girls must please consult the Sports Board to see who they are playing.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - WATER POLO

- The girls will be back in the pool for all PE lessons after the mid-term break.

Andrew Steyn
(*Director of Sport*)

GRADE 6 HOUSE PLAYS

These are the remaining House Plays, still to be performed. Parents are most welcome to attend their child's performance. The presentations take place as follows, in the **Royce Hall**:

Thursday, 10 October Starting at 11:55	Goldilocks and the Three Bullfrogs	Little Late Riding Hood	Popsicle Boy
Monday, 14 October Starting at 12:20	The Little Red Robin	The Cheetah and the Sloth	
Wednesday, 16 October Starting at 15:40	The Emperor's New Hair	Slurping Beauty	

Mel Aspelng
(*HOD Drama*)

COFFEE MORNING: BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Wednesday, 16 October
07:30-08:30
Music Room

We invite all Grade 5 parents to attend a Coffee Morning next week. The focus of the discussion is the school's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme. We will provide insight into the educational philosophy and benefits of the programme of which your daughter will be a part next year. We will also discuss the specifications required for the device and implementation process. Digital citizenship is the cornerstone of the programme as we strive to ensure that our girls use technology in a respectful and responsible way. The session will cover how this is achieved and what support is provided to the girls, as well as parents. We look forward to seeing you at the Coffee Morning next week.

Kerryn Schmidt
(*Director: EdTech and Organisation & Administration*)

OPEN DAY – THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone who played a part in making the Open Day the success it was! This event was a first for the school. The need for this occasion arose after we found that numbers had dropped as a result of families emigrating. The day was wonderfully successful and our waiting lists are now far more 'healthy'. Thank you to the following people who assisted in various ways.

- Girls Prep Staff
- Girls involved on the day
- Hugo Roodt
- Fr Richard
- Nonhlanhla Majokane
- Diane Fraser
- Security staff
- Sharon Rabibal and the kitchen staff
- Isaac Ntjilo and his staff
- Mugocho Muchachari and his staff
- Tim Steenhoff
- Medical specialists (Dr Terri Barrow, Dr Fuzile Dlakavu & Judy Kirkwood) who helped with distribution of flyers in waiting rooms.

Thank you for helping us promote our amazing school.

Jean Macleod
(Marketer: Girls Prep)



ST PETER'S COLLEGE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Congratulations to the following St Peter's Girls Prep Old Girls who were announced, as prefects at St Peter's College for 2020:

- **Eden Backman**
- **Jessica Dunstan**
- **Jessica Parsons**
- **Kerryn Hayter**

Boys Prep Old Boys on the prefect body for 2020 are:

- **Jonty Webb - Head Boy for 2020** (Jo and Darrel Webb's son)
- **Justin Amm** (Rachel and Richard Amm's son)
- **Aiden Enslin**
- **Carl Vemer**
- **Daniel Raggett**
- **Michael Du Plooy**
- **Nicholas Els**

We are very proud of them!

ST PETER'S BOYS PREP IS TURNING 70 YEARS OLD NEXT YEAR & WE ARE TRACKING DOWN ALL OLD BOYS

If you, as a dad, grandfather, uncle, brother etc. went to St Peter's Boys Prep, please complete this short Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/o25tdakrZQCLMoUt7>



Sunset Carols Market Application Form <https://bit.ly/2ost9tQ>